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Tell Lots Of Stories To Children

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

OFTEN I have urged fathers as well as mothers to read to the young child. It's a good way for him to relieve the mothers of her load and to cultivate a closer companionship with the growing youngster. Fathers are parents, too, you know.

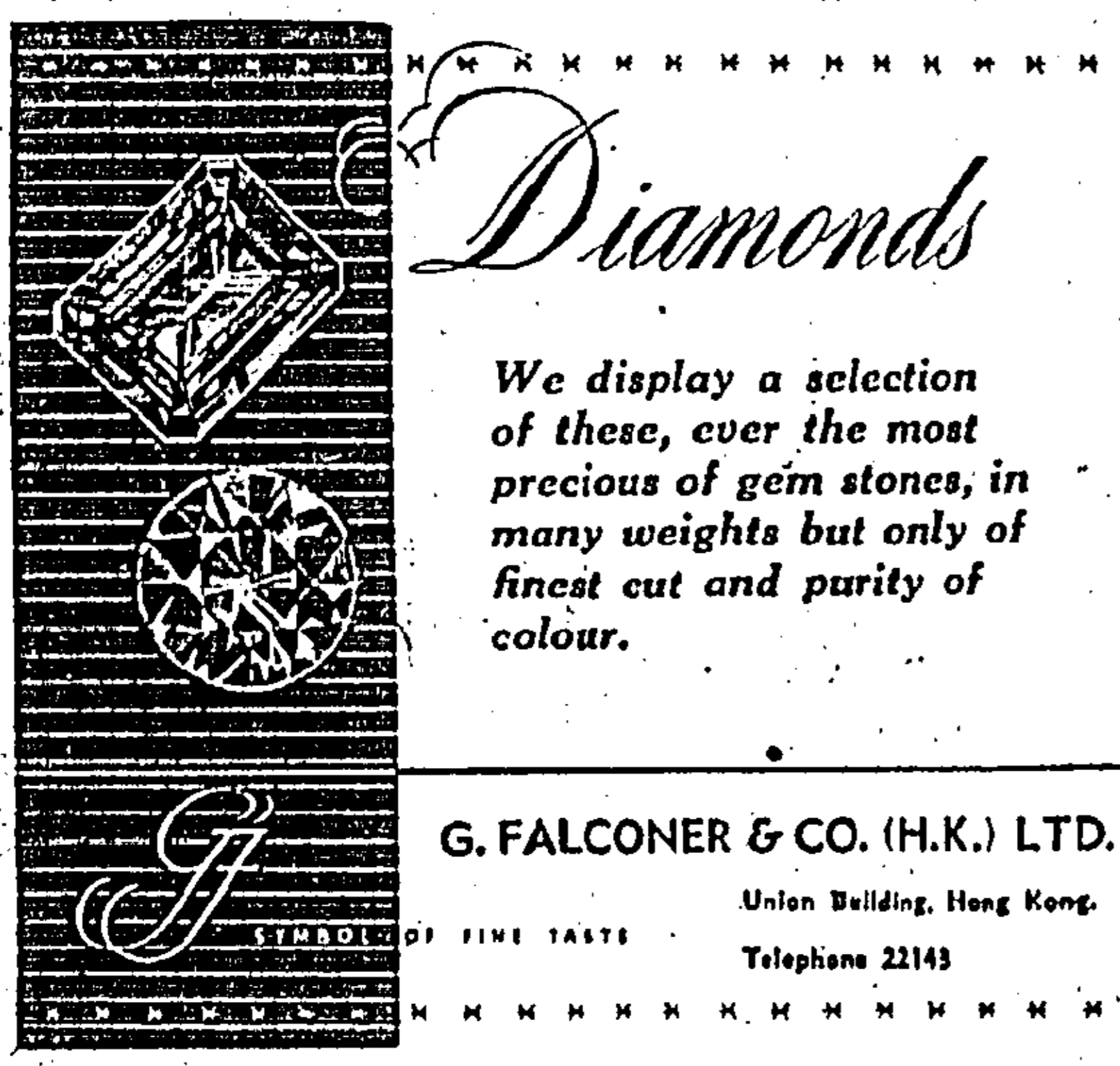
I know some young fathers who not only read yarns of fancy to the toddler, but also make up such yarns. Even if these yarns are not as good as the ones read—they may be better—they may prove more fascinating to the young listener. Just imagine two or three children under eight or ten raptly listening to the stories coming out of their dad's head. There is a fascination to anyone to hear or see something while it is being created. Do you remember how you have been enthralled at seeing a cartoonist draw a picture? It also must be fun to the creating person when he sees so much enjoyment over his creations.

A Mother's Letter

"Dear Dr Myers: My husband prepares our son Barton for bed each night, and while doing so he tells him stories which he makes up. While eating the other night Barton—who will be five and a half this month—asked his Daddy to think of a story to tell him that night. Then he said, 'No, it is my turn to tell a story,' and he proceeded to tell this story:

"Two little girls went for a walk in the woods. They met a dog—a collie dog. Then they met a bear—a little bear—and lots of little things that could not be told. And they met the Papa Bear and the collie growled and the bear ran away. And then the girls went home; and that night they went to bed. And a snowman came and went to bed. During the night he got against one of the little girls and she woke up because he was cold. And in the morning they had breakfast and they went for another walk. And they met a bear twice as big as the other bear—it was a different bear. And they met another bear six feet bigger, and one seven feet bigger, eight feet, nine feet, and one hundred feet. Then they went home and went to bed and slept."

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Longer Skirts Need Simpler Shoes

By Victoria Chappello

SHOE styles in Britain are tending to change rapidly. This was evident at the Fashion in Footwear Exhibition recently held at Grosvenor House in London. The general impression given is that platforms are lower, toes more pointed (and almost always closed for daytime wear), while the sling-back is dying. In short, elegance is returning and being insisted upon by women who find that longer skirts demand greater simplicity in daytime footwear.

Heels are high or low, there are few which take the middle course. Higher heels are preferred for smart day toilettes, lower heels being worn for morning—or country. It is probable that by spring high back and elaborate ankle strappings will have given way to the simple youthful ankle for day wear, although these tendencies may keep their popularity for the evening.

On the other hand, the asymmetrical design has returned with renewed strength, and is noticeable even on strapped morning shoes both in leathers and fine fabrics. In short, the static influence of the war years has gone and styling in Britain has taken a great leap forward.

One of the biggest talking points at the Exhibition was the elasticised knit and suede which is widely used both for day and evening shoes. This gives a glove-fitting which suggests the elegance and comfort only known hitherto by shoes made to measure.

Simplicity Favoured

Simplicity seems to be rapidly coming into favour, and the court shoe with no decoration whatever is re-establishing itself. This is flattering to a well-shaped foot and to a pretty ankle, and it is for this reason that the low "v" throat is popular. It gives the ankle a more delicate line.

Naturally, this simplicity will depend upon the continued vogue of the longer skirt, but in any case buyers at the Exhibition agree that women prefer the slender, more graceful shoe as a reaction to the practical-hard-wearing model which they have often had to take for granted since 1939.

Nevertheless, this simplicity does not prevent the new trend for asymmetrical design from developing since this can make the thick throat look elegant or soften and widen the too thin one.

The traditional calf walking shoe, which is often welled this year, is to be found with novel ring and cord details.

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fastenings, and has adopted a high-light from the dress world—saddle-stitching—which seems to have worked its way down by way of handbags and gloves. For instance, in a sandal, the whole sole is cut square instead of rounded, the stitching is of the saddle-stitch variety and the strappings are boldly cut.

As far as colour schemes are concerned, it seems that two-colour schemes are quieter and are mostly confined to sport shoes, while such skins as whipcord, are used for contrast trimmings. Suede fashion shoes often have heels and intricate strappings in lizard or snake skin to match. This is attractive to the eye and good for the wearing life of the shoe, since reptile skin is non-stretching and hard-wearing.

Conservative Colours

Some patent leather shoes are being made and a minute amount used also for trimming. Colours are fairly conservative, but there are more of them than usual; a deep and beautiful green is prominent, there is some navy, a deep wine colour, some grey and many shades of tan.

Gold kid is a prominent trimming; multi-strapped shoes are returning to favour; a high-cut back and low-cut vamp are seen in one and the same afternoon shoe; and the "spat-shoe", with a close-fitting saddle top, often buttoned, and kid vamp fitting like a glove, promises to take a leap into popularity.

Evening shoes at the Exhibition showed a greater tendency than day shoes towards elaboration, with ankle straps, lacings (partly influenced by ballet shoes, partly by the Roman sandal), inserts of gold kids and similar trimmings. The sandal consisting of a sole held on by an intricate mesh of lacing is favoured by women with exceptionally pretty feet.

Another type of shoe showing a quarter formed of lattice work finished with an ankle strap and more lattice work, based on the vamp has proved popular with buyers.

A plain court shoe with a high cuff or "spat" in delicate lace while being too unusual for ordinary wear has promise for the films or the theatre; indeed, Mollie Shearer, the famous English ballet dancer, has chosen some with the lace cuff designed to match a favourite gown. A somewhat similar idea is carried out on a model designed for ordinary evening wear, which has a high quarter of nylon net all but enclosing the ankle.

High-Cut Shoes

In fact, high-cut shoes of the latter kind—which may, albeit, be called booties—may have a future when they are developed for buyers, suggest that they may not only be novel and attractive, but may provide a practical solution to a problem which has troubled many women. They find that evening footwear should be light and elegant, but protective as well—for instance, in a draughty theatre or, as shield against damp and cold rising from pavements.

For this reason the bootie, either in satin or suede or in a combination of both, may become popular not only for smart afternoon wear, where its function is obvious, but with evening gowns. Again as a link with, or as a foil to, a costume dress, the bootie may have a definite part to play in fashion in the near future.

Short Cut Is Stylish This Year



One of the very newest hairdos is this cap cut designed by a famous New York hair stylist.

By HELEN FOLLETT

If you are still clinging to pigtail material, and have decided to have a short cut, bring two mirrors into action and survey your noble head, front, sides and back. A realisation of head contour may help you to decide just what sort of a trim you want.

These days, cutting and tapering are three-fourths of the coiffure formula. There are thousands of short-haired women who have never had flattering hair cuts, trusting to an incompetent operator who did not give proper attention to features and profile.

The cap cut offers every opportunity for the creation of a pleasing outline. If the tete is flat at the back it is necessary that the hair should not be thinned there. There should be a suggestion of an undulation from ear to ear. Ends rolled under give a better effect than when they are waved upward.

If the head is long and narrow, side locks should carry enough wave to fluff and look full; that style gives width, better proportions. If rolls are used they should be in tiers, mounting fairly well up toward the crown.

Round heads appear at best advantage with the flat top, hair flat and smooth at the sides, the cut at the back well below the nape line.

The coiffure should not only suit the face, but the figure. The hairdo of a large, well-built woman should have dignity. The effect should be tailored. No fluff stuff for her; it throws her out of character.

Little curls, pretty as pictures, can do almost anything with their tresses and look sweet. They're still hanging onto their shoulder length bobs, and that is as it should be. The style belongs strictly to youth, always has, it makes older women appear as if they were striving to be girlish. When they do that they only make themselves look older. They have their choice between the cap cut and the uppy do.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Have an Omelette Repertoire

IN the test kitchen the Chef was experimenting with omelettes. On the table beside him was a big bowl of brown and white eggs.

"These are Grade B eggs," he remarked, "but they are perfectly satisfactory for making omelettes. And of course the colour makes no difference whatever; eggs taste the same whether brown or white."

"I wonder, Chef, if homemakers realise just how useful an omelette can be."

"It is one of the mainstays of the cuisine of all nations," said the Chef, cracking an egg on the edge of the bowl. "In France we make usually the rolled omelette for which we do not separate the eggs. And they are a standard food in the home and in the hotels. We have both the savoury and the sweet omelette, and it is difficult to say which is more popular. Think of all the foods that can be used in omelettes, to make the variations!"

"Yes, most people make only plain omelettes or sometimes a cheese omelette," I remarked, "but either of these is a good basis for a substantial luncheon or light dinner dish."

French Omelette

"How about the French omelette aux fines herbes?" said the Chef, "that is the plain rolled omelette with minced parsley, chervil and chives in it; or you can use a little chopped water-cress instead. The green herbs give a taste piquante, and they are fine for the health."

"And omelettes are so good combined with many kinds of meat or fish," I went on. "Often when there doesn't seem to be a thing on hand for dinner, there will be a little veal, pork, turkey or duck or chicken in the refrigerator. This can be creamed, or heated in a tin of condensed mushroom soup, a king style, and served in the fold of the omelette and around it as a sauce."

"I have sometimes used a combination of creamed meat and cooked vegetables in this way," approved the Chef. "And vegetables, either in a cream or a tomato sauce are delightful with a cheese omelette."

"A creamed spinach omelette, or one filled with sauteed mushrooms, is especially good," I edged in.

Chicken Liver Omelette

"Then there is the sauteed chicken liver omelette, and also the omelette with a filling of oysters in sauce bechamel," the Chef went on with enthusiasm. "Also the omelettes that can be used for dessert when the rest of the meal is light. Such as a jelly omelette, or omelette celestine, that puffy omelette with apricot marmalade in the fold and spread with more marmalade and a few chopped toasted almonds. For the decoration I use rosettes of whipped cream from my pastry tube."

"So that's why it's called a 'celestial' omelette," I laughed. "But there's one caution to remember in making all omelettes: they must never be allowed to get too brown."

Dance Dress



By VERA WINSTON

PLUM COLOURED taffeta adds up to a dance dress that is different. The strapless bodice is slit, the buttons on either side being strictly for decoration. The handkerchief tulle skirt billows gracefully over the matching pleated sheer underskirt and the dress, especially the skirt is reminiscent of the 1920's.

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or they will taste burned."

"The moment you smell a slight odour of cooking eggs, lower the heat and turn the omelette," added the Chef.

"Many people think that omelettes are a nuisance," I remarked. "That's because they go by the old rule of allowing 1½ eggs for each person. But four eggs will be enough for four persons if the eggs are extended with a cup of cooked rice, or with a cup of milk and a tablespoon of flour for thickening in Swedish style."

"Now Madame, what kind of omelette would you like for dinner?"

"Swedish style, please, and let's add that half cup of minced ham in the refrigerator and use plenty of minced tomatoes as a filling and garnish."

"That Swedish omelette is very good and practical, too," observed the Chef, "because it can stand without falling for at least eight minutes, which is very convenient when the family is a little late for the meal."

Dinner

Tossed Winter Salad Hot Rolls
Tomato Omelette Swedish Style
Fried Potatoes
Creamed Spinach or Greens
Minced-Peach Pie American Cheese
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Tomato Omelette Swedish Style

The Omelette: Measure 1 tsp. flour, ½ tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. pepper in a measuring cup. Gradually add 1 milk and stir until the flour is blended. Fill the cup with milk. Next separate 4 good-sized eggs. Beat the whites until very stiff and the yolks until well mixed. Add the flour and milk mixture to the yolks; then fold in the whipped whites, leaving small portions of white floating about. Melt 1 tsp. butter in a warm 9" omelet pan or frying pan. Cook over a low heat, tipping the pan slowly back and forth so the mixture will cook evenly. When it begins the firm on the bottom run a spatula around the edge to let the uncooked portion come in contact with the bottom of the pan. Cook about 1 min., or until the bottom of the omelette is pale golden brown. Then cover half of the omelette with very thickened well seasoned stewed tomato. Fold the omelette and slide it onto a heated platter; surround with more thick stewed tomato, and sprinkle, if desired, with a little minced parsley.

Minced-Peach Pie

Make plain American pastry or use piecrust mix. Roll to a scant fourth inch in thickness and line a shallow 9" pie plate. Fill with a mixture of 1 c. fine-chopped minced peaches and 1 c. prepared mince-meat. Dot with 1 tsp. butter or margarine. Cover with a top crust; press the edges together with the lines of a fork; slash the centre in three places to let the steam escape. Brush over the top with milk to make the crust more flaky, and bake 35 min. in a hot oven; 400° F.

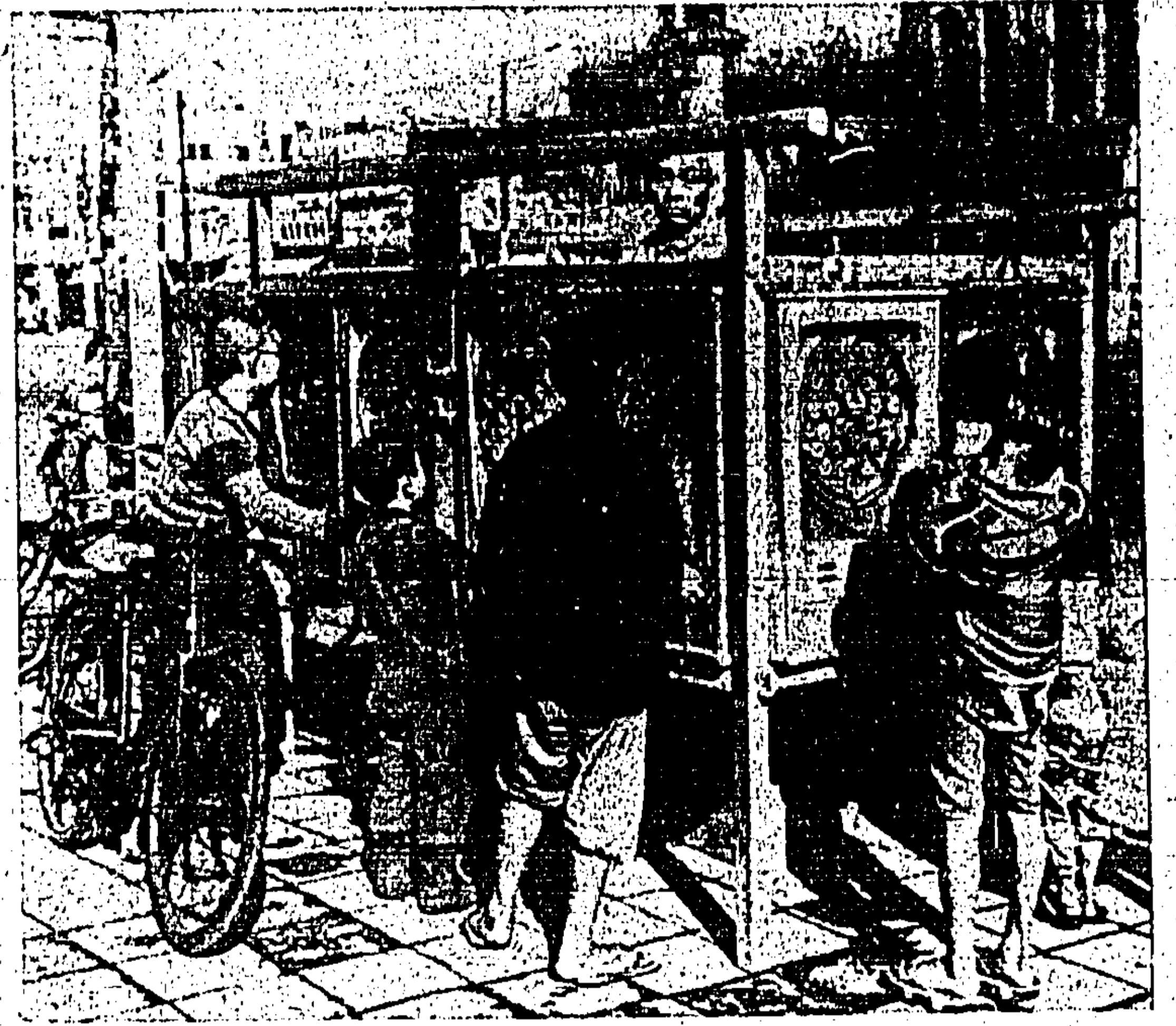
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



A BLOW FOR DEMOCRACY—An anti-Communist sympathiser, left, lands with a straight left as a Red heckler is led away at a Social Democrat election rally in Berlin. More than 85 percent of voters turned out.



IDENTICAL BEAUTIES—Television actresses Teddie and Babs Beverly, of London, pictured on arrival in New York. The 19-year-old twins, wearing sweaters indicating the wide scope of their travels, went to Hartford, Connecticut, to visit a sister.



WHO WISHED THIS ON THEM?—The pinball craze has arrived in Japan, as can be seen by these Tokyo youngsters risking a few yen. Inflation and the metal shortage have caused the operator to dole out balls in return for paper money.



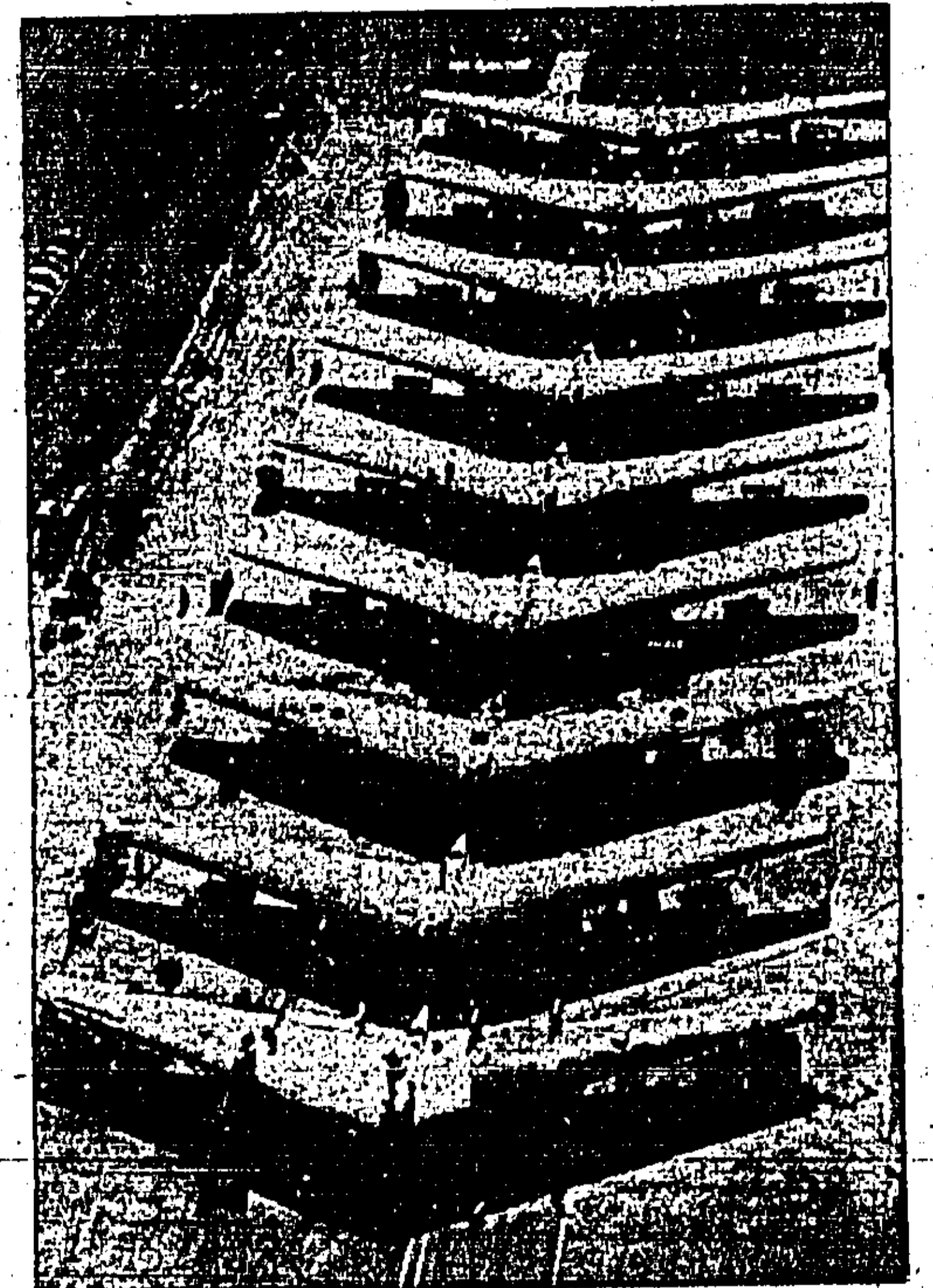
BABY SITTER—Airline hostess Elizabeth Antosh, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, leaves New York to become the first trans-Atlantic baby sitter. With presents contributed by American well-wishers, she will spend a month in England.



SHIPSHAPE—Adjusting her nautical headpiece, Shirley MacCalla smiles on being selected at Sarasota, Florida, as squall companion for members of the Florida Sailing Club.



AIRLIFT TRAINEES—A class checks the working of a C-54 electrical system at Great Falls, Montana, air base. The school has been set up to train men under conditions similar to those peculiar to the Berlin airlift so that experienced replacements can be sent to Germany. Planes carry sand in barrels as simulated loads.



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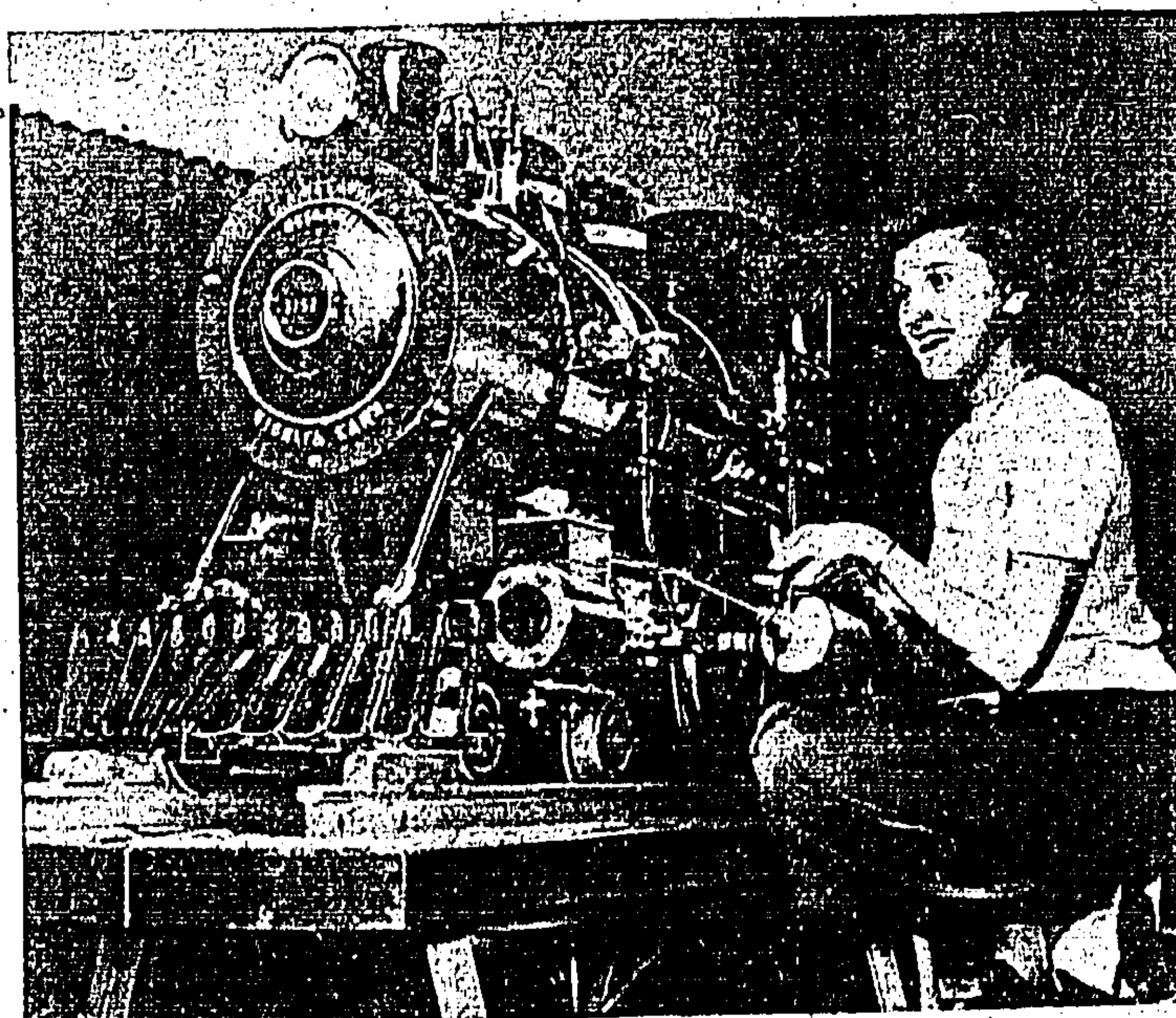
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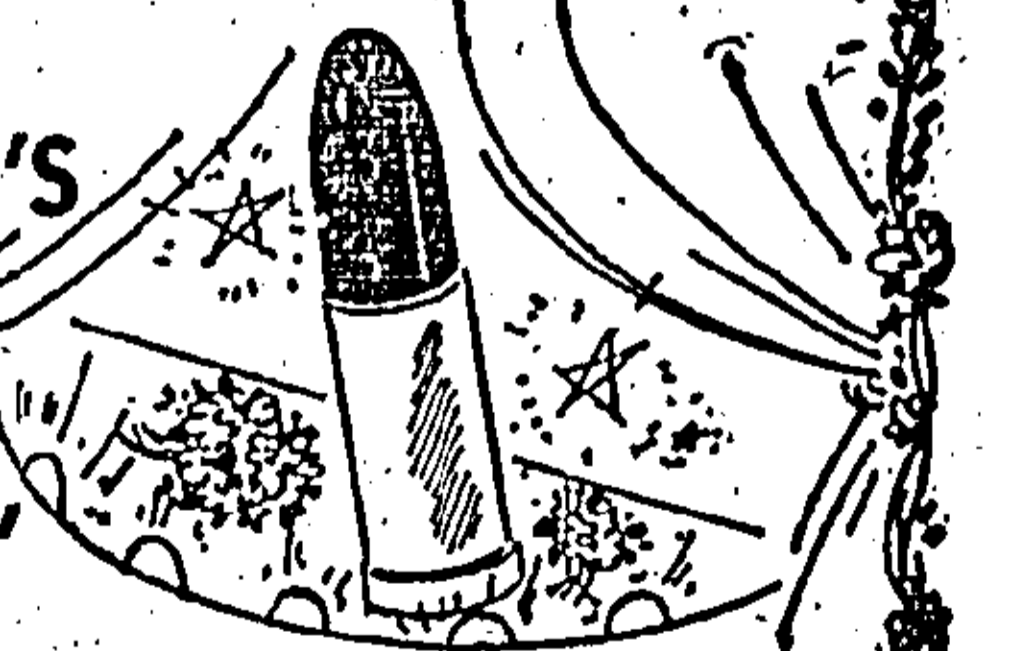
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OIL 'ER UP—Elaine Saunders applies the oil can to a miniature steam engine on display at the 30th annual convention of the National Association of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches in Chicago. Exhibits included new types of rides and games for American fairs.

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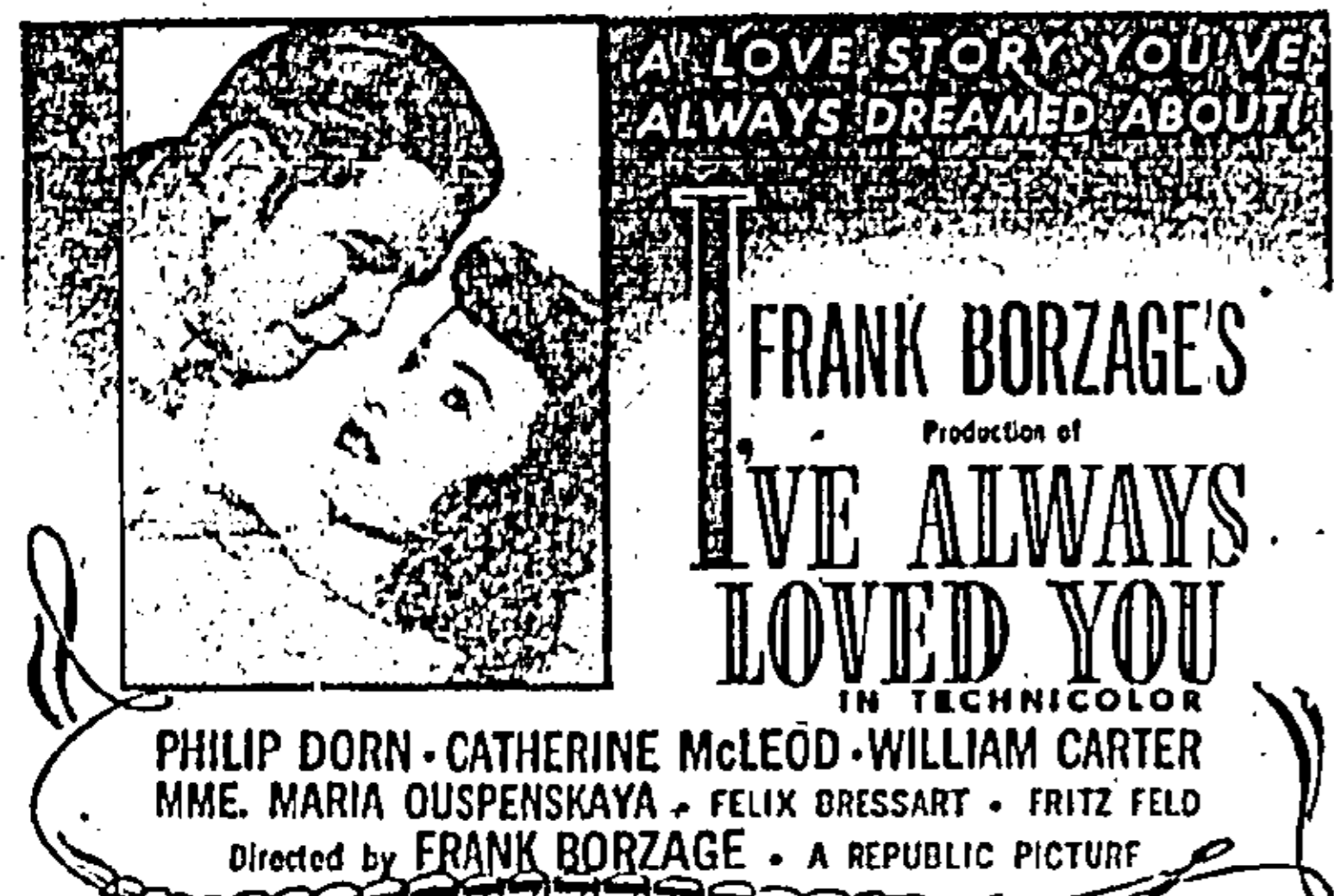
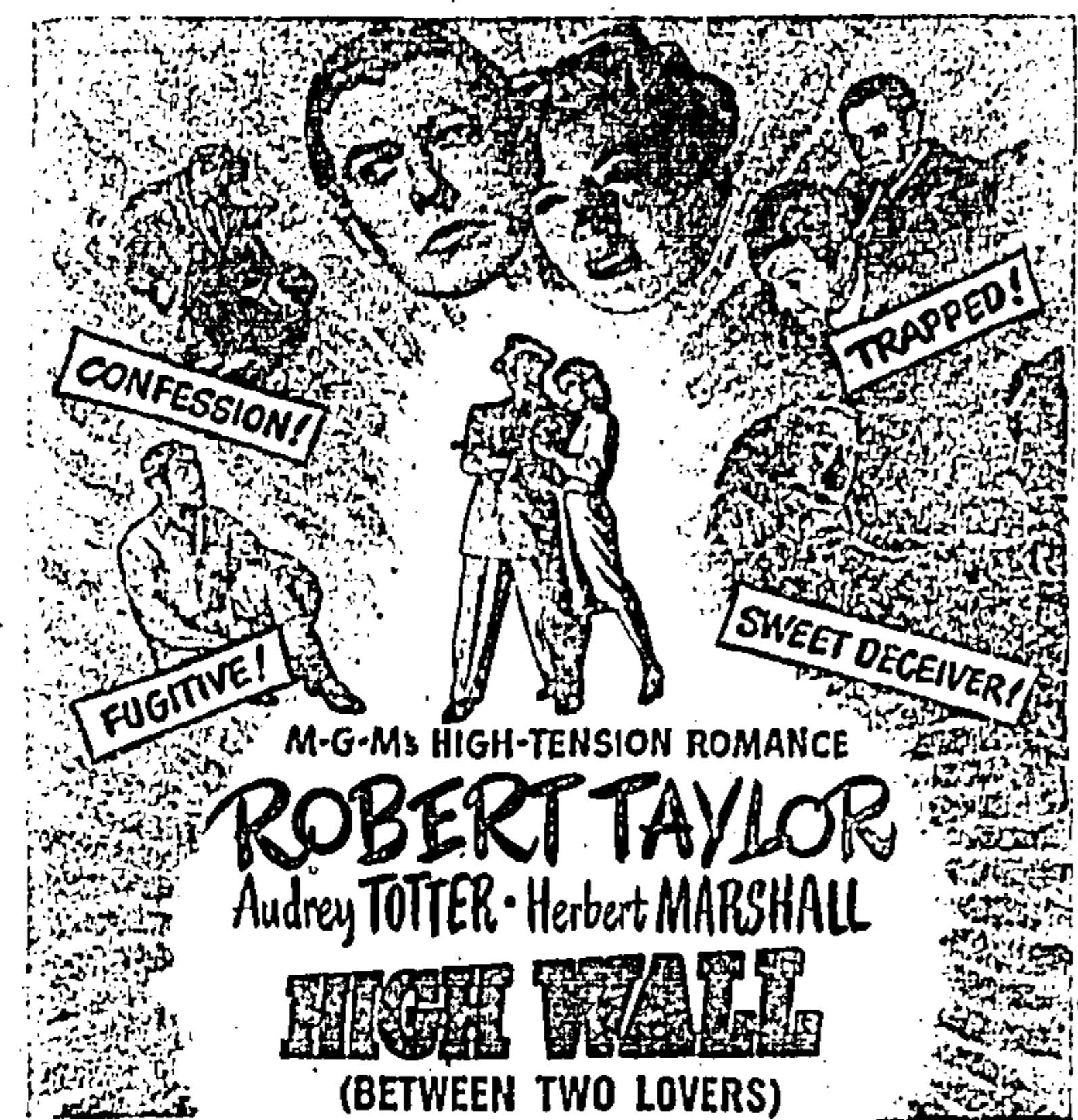
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INEVITABLY, I had heard of the impending North African invasion. Talk in the back seat of my staff car was more Top Secret than anything on paper. In general, I knew about as much about "Torch" Operation as most senior commanders in the early autumn of 1942.

One month before the birthday party, I had taken General Eisenhower out to Telegraph Cottage in a hurry. For one, he seemed preoccupied. He obviously didn't want to talk; I had long made it a habit not to ask questions, ever. As we sped through Kensington he mumbled something about "big doings for a colonel." The rest of the ride was in heavy silence. But General—three-star General—don't usually get excited over colonels. I knew something big was up.

"I don't know how long we'll be here," the General said as he got out at the cottage. "Mickey will look after you."

There was an air of hush-hush inside. Hunt, Mooney, and Mickey walked on tip-toe. I retired to the kitchen and learned that the General was outside talking in literal whispers to a tall, unsmiling lieutenant-colonel. As darkness fell, they came inside and sat beside the crackling fireplace. Kitchen gossip soon established that the cottage housed a queer assortment: Beetle, General Clark, Brigadier Eric Mockler-Ferryman and Mr William H. B. Macle, Beetle himself, it seemed, had gone to London to pick up the colonel, to whom they referred as McGowan. Butch had gone to Norfolk House, closely guarded HQ of Allied forces planning the invasion, for the others, Colonel Julius Holmes, the British-looking U. S. Embassy officer with the Guards moustache, also was present.

Clandestine Parley

IN the next few days details of that secret meeting at Telegraph Cottage gradually seeped up to the front seat of my car. "Lieutenant-Colonel McGowan" was none other than Mr Robert Murphy, the American underground chief in French Morocco. The conference had been concerned largely with one frightening question mark—would the French fight when we landed in North Africa? Equally important, it had been concerned with French leaders' demand that the Allies send a top commander to the scene down there to discuss practical details. This then, was the meeting when it had been decided to send General Clark—on his submarine mission to the North African coast, for a clandestine parley which might have been dreamed up by Hitchcock or Oppenheim.

Shortly afterwards, General Eisenhower asked the question I had been framing in my mind for weeks to ask him. "Kay," he said, unusually serious, "would you like to go along?"

I was almost shouting as I explained that Dick undoubtedly would be heading in the direction of the forthcoming invasion. I would do anything to be somewhere near him. Ike knew about Dick. No further emphasis was required. "It'll be in about a month or so," he said, warning of the need for extreme security.

At The Palace

IKE took General Clark with him to say goodbye to the King. Telek and I drove them down to Buckingham Palace and waited in the historic courtyard; Telek was quite unimpressed by his surroundings and insisted upon committing a blatant indignity upon the Royal property. When our passengers returned, General Eisenhower revealed that he had worried needlessly over one major point of protocol—how to back away from His Majesty, without falling flat on his face. "He came right to the door with us," Ike laughed.

I spent the night of November 7 virtually inside my radio. Not long after 1 a.m. which I knew to be 11-hour, the good news came through. The invasion was on. I heard some remarks by President Roosevelt, and others by a "spokesman" giving instructions to people in the invasion area. And I heard a proclamation by General Ike, in beautiful French. Since he spoke no French, I know the carefully

EISENHOWER WAS MY BOSS

By KAY SUMMERSBY

modulated voice with the polished accent belonged to our suave Colonel Julius Holmes. I slept very little that night, listening to the dramatic broadcast and the continual martial strains of the Marseillaise.

Foolishly, I packed everything of value, including my best luggage and a few precious bits of jewellery. North Africa meant war, but it also meant Dick—and marriage. I packed accordingly. Mother maintained the best tradition of British privacy and awareness of war security. I could tell her only that I was leaving London. Although undoubtedly certain I was headed for North Africa and a long war, she asked no questions and was a great comfort.

Time evaporated quickly. There was a mad round of shots for everything from typhoid to lockjaw, the arrival of WAC's and civilians who were joining the party. Luckily, one of my driver friends was going along—Elsbeth Duncan, a friendly Scot who later became the wife of a British General in Berlin.

sions, and Jean Dixon, friendly Washington girl whose British husband had been killed in the Royal Air Force. We took turns sleeping on a dirty mattress wedged into the floor beside a double-decker bunk.

With three separate sittings for each meal, we spent much of the days leaning along the deck in smoke-like lines. Even leaning space was rationed. We queued, slept, and strolled; strolled, slept, and queued. Between-times, we joined the gossip-monglers.

Finally, to escape the endless chatter, we set up a marathon bridge game. Our fourth was Margaret (Peg) Bourke-White, the Life photographer, whose slim slacks, natty uniform, and neat blue-gray hair drew a symphony of wolf-calls with every appearance on deck. To us she was a Godsend, a vivacious fourth in our bridge battle against the old shipboard enemy, boredom.

Several days out, a wild gale struck with terrifying ferocity. The storm thrashed us about for days, reducing life to its barest minimum, gloomy and dreary. Then,

All lights went out. The ship shuddered, then rocked back and forth.

No one moved or said a word. Several minutes later, Ethel muttered: "This is it, kids."

The ship settled at a list. We braced our ships against luggage and the double-decker before Jean found a flashlight. I grabbed my shoes. Cursing at our empty torpedo bags, we each grabbed a coat and headed for the lifeboat station.

Adrift in the Mediterranean and the fast rescue work over, our boat seemed lonelier than ever. We could see the convoy steaming by. Tiny lights of other lifeboats and rafts bobbed on the water. We could hear occasional shouts.

A megaphone voice announced survivors would be picked up in the morning. Our neighbourhood still was alive with U-boats, the voice explained; it would take hours to clear the area.

The rest of the long, long night was spent trying to keep warm—and trying to keep from getting sick. Just before dawn the sea calmed as the barrage of depth charges lessened. And the sun came up, pouring warmth and light and colour over the scene.

Morning's Climax

THE morning's climax came when our old friend, the British destroyer, hove into sight in an incredibly short time she was picking up the survivors in each lifeboat. When our turn came, I helped Peg with the rope-ladder with her cameras. The deck felt wonderfully solid and very, very welcome. Far below, empty lifeboats floated by, grim wreaths in memory of those who had died during the night.

Late in the afternoon our destroyer pulled into Oran, tied up alongside a pier, and dropped the ladder. The usual women-and-children-first tradition was reversed; we women waited for the men to disembark. They organised into original outfits and marched off, a ragged military parade of half-dressed soldiers and officers.

Searching for Dick at Oran headquarters, I was regarded with open suspicion. The guards, however, admitted there was Lieutenant-Colonel Arnold in the section; in that very building, in fact, "I'll get him for you," he said cryptically.

He asked Dick to come down to the lobby, then hung up without mentioning my name on the phone. I asked to telephone Albers. That request brought out another guard, a lieutenant in charge, a major—and, finally, a full-colonel. Each of them studied my torn skirt, shredded nylons, open-necked shirt and my straggly hair, covered by a peasant-like handkerchief. They whispered among themselves.

"Look here," I said in exasperation, "I've just been rescued from a torpedoed ship. I want to call General Eisenhower and tell him his staff is safe. And I want to get orders what to do next. Do you mind?"

One Magic Word

THE one magic word—Eisenhower—not in the telephone. I was weak with relief when the operator got me through to the General's office and Tex Lee came on the line. "Tex," I said with complete lack of imagination, "we're here."

Tex said the office knew we had been torpedoed, but didn't know if we had been picked up. "Just a minute," he added, "the General will want to talk to you."

General Eisenhower asked after each of the office gang, put on General Clark for a moment, then concluded the conversation by ordering us to Algiers the next day.

I hung up thoughtfully and turned to ask the guards where Ethel, Jean, and I could spend the night.

My vision blurred. The guards faded from sight.

All I could see was a tall, dark, lieutenant-colonel, who thought I was in London. Thoroughly bewildered, he couldn't utter a word.

"Dick!" I cried, running towards him, breaking down in a most unmilitary fashion.

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POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTERC.V.R. Thompson
Ike's war for peace

NEW YORK.

General Ike, university president, author, and amateur cook, is taking his uniform out of moth balls.

Washington wants him and his rank and prestige again.

But this time Eisenhower's job is not to plan a war. Instead it is to preserve the peace.

For America's top brass wants him to convince Congress that the best insurance against war is a strong, efficient U.S. Army.

This will take money, more money than Congress, at this time, seems willing to grant.

For some months, then, Eisenhower will be attached as personal Chief of Staff to Defence Secretary James Forrestal. And in that position his "beach-head" will be in the witness boxes of a dozen Congressional committees, where he will fight a new kind of battle, the battle of the Budget.

ALL U.S. NEWSPAPERS, except the stodgiest, have settled, as if by agreement, upon the appropriate headline for Britain's Prince—*"Bonnie Prince Charlie"*.

BACK AGAIN in the plush-lined splendour of New York's best no. 1, Alfred Edwards, the Socialist M.P. who changed his mind, is at his favourite task, telling Americans of the ills of Socialism.

His latest quotation: "Whatever is wrong with Capitalism, we British have found that Socialism is not the answer to it." "Under nationalisation, the labourer has proved that he has all the ills of the selfishness, and all the laziness of the capitalist."

THE DEFENCE in a Baltimore income tax evasion case was that the prisoner was a simpleton who "cannot even follow the plot of a Western movie." The judge acquitted him, but added, "You know I cannot understand them myself."

A SECRET American air force has been trying desperately to hide has come out. The secret is "a flying plane," the most luxurious plane America has ever built. And it was made ready by the air force for "President" Tom Dewey's official use.

They finally showed it shamefacedly to President Truman. He grinned and said: "I don't want it, you can have it, it's too swank for me."

TELEVISION has been recognised in the American courts as one of the necessities of modern life.

DURING a Christmas shopping excursion, I went into Fifth Avenue's largest china shop. It was almost sold out of British china and flooded with orders for more. Recognising my accent, an assistant said: "Please tell them to send us more in a hurry."

TWO U.S. VISITORS to Britain, Suzanne Lafollet and Virginia Morgan, had this to say about British women in a magazine article: "Never known to dress smartly, they look surprisingly presentable in view of eight years of clothes rationing."

NANCY Twin Killing



By Ernie Bushmiller



WITNESS'S MEMORY CHALLENGED BY COUNSEL

More Evidence Given In Larceny Trial

The "extraordinary" memory of a witness, Au Pui, charwoman of the PWD workshops at Hunghom, in regard to materials issued to him for work carried out at the Cathay Pacific Airways premises at Kai Tak, was challenged by Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton, Counsel for Spary, during the course of cross-examination in the PWD larceny case involving two members of the Department before Mr. Justice Reynolds at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Accused are Kwok Kwong, 47, foreman, and Austin Spary, 50, electrical inspector, Grade 1, both of the Public Works Department. They are charged on 12 counts, 10 of larceny by public servant, one of obtaining money by false pretences from the steward of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and one of conspiracy to defraud the Government of money.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, is appearing for Kwok and Spary. He is represented by Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton, instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffiths. Appearing for the prosecution is Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Chief Insp. J. Johnson, of the Special Branch.

The jury empanelled comprises four men and three women.

COUNSEL'S COMPLAINT

Prior to his cross-examination, Mr. D'Alton drew the Court's attention to the fact that Au Pui, who had commenced his evidence yesterday, had mingled with other witnesses waiting to give evidence when the Court adjourned for the day, and before Au had completed his evidence. Counsel asked what object there was in separating witnesses when they were permitted to mix together before a witness who was giving evidence had finished what he had to say. The prosecution, he declared, should see that a certain decorum was observed in this respect.

Mr. Justice Reynolds replied that he did not see much difference in whether the witness mingled with other witnesses or not when the latter could read a verbatim report of what had occurred in Court in the public press.

Mr. D'Alton commented that such was the case, but that the witness had completed his evidence, but not while he was still required in the witness box.

His Lordship pointed out that the witness, nevertheless, could still mingle with the witnesses after he had finished his evidence.

Mr. D'Alton remarked it was rather worse when such evidence was unfinished. However, he would not pursue the matter, he said. Counsel also informed the Court that he wished to apply for the recall of C. M. Roper, electrical engineer of Cathay Pacific Airways, who had given evidence earlier in the trial for further cross-examination.

Counsel went on to cross-examine Au Pui, who had testified to work he had carried out at the C.P.A. premises at Kai Tak with materials supplied by Kwok Kwong (first accused).

Au admitted he was at one time employed at the Cathay Pacific workshops of the PWD and had, in fact, been in the Cathay Pacific Road to work. He could not, however, remember when it was that he stopped working in Cathay and worked at Hunghom instead.

QUESTIONED ON FIGURES

Asked if he could give the figures of certain materials supplied for the C.P.A. job, witness replied that he thought he had 30 15-amp power sockets, about 50 5-amp power sockets, and about five 30-amp switches.

Mr. D'Alton: I am now going to refer the witness to his deposition in the Lower Court. Do the figures you have quoted include work on the quonset hut as well?

Witness: The figures I gave are for all the huts.

Did you say in your previous evidence? 13 5-amp switches, one 60-amp switch, one 15-amp switch, six or seven 15-amp power sockets, some lamp shades, lamp bulbs, and one 5-amp lamp lighting socket? There is no question of "about" there? All the quantities mentioned are exact, are they not?—Yes.

Mr. Justice Reynolds: Six or seven cannot be taken as an exact number.

Mr. Hooton: I think if the deposition is being produced, he might be asked first whether he said what he is alleged to have said. If he agrees, very well, but he might say that was not what he said. Then it should be proved.

Mr. D'Alton: It has been put to the witness that he said it in his deposition, and he agreed.

EXACT FIGURES

Mr. D'Alton: Did you also say that? "First accused took three coils of wire, one coil of twin wire, 100 yards of double wire, one coil of single wire, some nails, clips and copper wire from the Hunghom store." Do you agree you said that?—Yes.

Do you agree that wherever figures are mentioned, they are exact?—Yes.

And did you also say this? "Later the first accused gave me four fluorescent lamps, seven lamp holders, two iron pipe lamps, 13 5-amp switches, six 15-amp power sockets, six 5-amp lamp lighting switches." Do you agree you said that?—Yes.

And are all the figures exact?—Yes.

Did you say this too? "One 60-amp iron-clad switch, one 15-amp two-wire switch, one 30-amp three-wire switch, one 30-amp iron-clad fuse, one 60-amp iron-clad fuse." Do you agree you said that?—Yes.

And this? "Work was started in the engine-room the following day. The first accused in the morning handed me two coils of double wire, one coil of double wire, about three pounds of copper wire, nails and clips." Do you agree you made that statement?—Yes.

And are all the figures exact?—Yes.

You also made this statement, "Three or four days later, there not being sufficient wire to complete the work, I got two coils of double wire from the first accused, two coils of single wire, one coil of double wire. About two days later, 21 fluorescent lamps, 30 five-amp switches, six 15-amp power sockets, two 5-amp lamp lighting sockets, two 15-amp main wire switches, one 20-amp main switch, one 30-amp main switch, one 30-amp double-wire main switch, one 15-amp double-wire main switch were given to me by the first accused in the Hunghom workshop." Do you agree you said that?—Yes.

And are all the figures exact?—Yes.

CONFIRMS STATEMENTS

You also said this, "On the Monday following, in the Hunghom workshop, the first accused handed me two coils of double-wire, one coil of double-wire, some nails, clips and about two or three pounds of copper wire." Do you agree you said that?—Yes.

And you made this statement also, "About four or five days after work started, the first accused gave me 19 5-amp switches, 18 15-amp power sockets and one lamp holder." Do you agree you made that statement?—I did.

And are all the figures exact?—Yes.

Did you also say "I did not keep a record of the materials and I do not know if anyone else kept a record"?—Yes.

Does that statement apply to all the materials or only to one statement?—That statement applies to all the materials I mentioned.

You kept no records at all and this is entirely from memory?—Yes, that is correct.

Yet you cannot give me the exact totals, or can you?—I cannot.

At the time you were working in the Cathay Pacific, were you working on another job?—Yes.

What job was that?—The Government office at the Kai Tak Airfield.

Did you draw materials for that job?—Yes.

Can you give an exact account of the materials you drew for that job?—I cannot.

Did you also work at the Government Lodge at Fanling?—Yes.

Did you draw materials for that job?—Yes.

When were you working there?—That was before the war.

Can you remember any other work on which you were employed at Kai Tak other than the Government job and that at Cathay Pacific?—I cannot remember.

"EXTRAORDINARY" MEMORY

I put it to you that it was convenient for you to remember these extraordinary details over a period of several months and including the case figures of materials that you drew one and a half or nearly two years ago, and yet you cannot remember when I asked you what materials you drew for the general office, or whether you worked on any other job at Kai Tak or not. You cannot remember that, yet you seem to have an extraordinary memory?—I have already told the Court I cannot argue with you.

I suggest you remember these details in your 20 odd interviews with the Police. That's what it did to your memory.—I am only telling the Court whatever I can remember. I cannot tell anything I cannot remember.

That is not the answer to my question, but it is obvious you don't want to answer. However, with that good memory of yours, you will risk high in your profession, won't you?—I don't think so.

NOT OFFERED PROMOTION

And yet it is true that you have already been offered promotion and a better job in the event of the accused here being convicted? Is that true?—No.

During the course of your examination-in-chief, I put it to you that you said of Hooton "He put in a cheque in an envelope written in English."—Yes.

And "I took the envelope back to Kwok Kwong."—Yes.

And you further said "I said to

1949 To See Peace Again For China?

By SPENCER MOOSA

Peking, Jan. 6.—Everyone here is convinced that 1949 will be a year of peace in China.

Only out and out pessimists think peace will be delayed beyond June. No one though, sees its achievement without a great deal of difficulty.

There are many stages which must be passed before Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's New Year overture can be translated into peace throughout China.

This present phase is a crucial message.

Public bodies everywhere are writing messages endorsing Generalissimo Chiang's peace move and urging Mao Tse Tung to order a cease fire.

In North China, the possibility of a Nationalist counter-offensive dwindled weeks ago to zero and the only fighting since has been on a small localised scale.

Peking remains a fortress, but no one expects it to be carried militarily.

The censor, that traditional enemy of newsmen, has developed tactics of a Nationalist counter-offensive wrote a light piece on Red stage plays in which the Reds portrayed themselves as angels. It was completely censored as "untrue statements in favour of the enemy" and therefore could not be sent.

In another message, the censor substituted the words first and engines, automatic weapons and ammunition guns for the armament of other Jewish aircraft.

Fighter pilot trainees had been sent from Palestine to Czechoslovakia for instruction.

Also according to the Foreign Office information, a small fleet of American planes, often using call signs and markings of a "non-European country," had been running a regular cargo ferry service from Czech arms factories of Palestine, amounting to some 80 tons per week.

These planes, which at small airfields in Yugoslavia and then usually flew down the Albanian and Greek coasts, and along the southern coast of Crete to Asia.

Thrummed by "experienced, highly paid mercenaries" of foreign nationality, the operation of this fleet had been facilitated by the exemption of its personnel from many of the usual restrictions and formalities applied to foreigners in Czechoslovakia.

Observers in London agree that the shipment of Czechoslovak arms to State factories could only have been undertaken on such a systematic scale with the knowledge and consent of Russia, whose close ties with Czechoslovak industry have been tightened since the seizure of power by the Communist Government in Prague last February.

A Foreign Office spokesman said tonight that the British Government has made no direct representations to the Czech Government about supplies to Palestine.

Since the end of the British mandate in Palestine last May, Britain sees the issue as one to be handled through the United Nations, whom she surrendered her mandate.—Reuter.

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ITALIANS STILL WAITING FOR THE BIG SHOCK

Several more very faint earthquake tremors have been recorded in the Rivodutri area, about 65 kilometres north of Rome, but up to tonight the prophesied "big disaster" had not happened.

Other faint tremors were reported in the Santa Teresa and Tribula areas of Sardinia.

The prediction of Sir William Wheeler, of London, that a big upheaval would take place today or tomorrow in either Italy or Japan sent thousands of Italians into the open country.

In the Italian town of Rieti, scene of several minor earthquake shocks, the townspeople practically abandoned their homes for the night and took to the hills and open fields.

As they flocked out, refugees from the nearby village of Rivodutri, shattered in yesterday's tremors, began straggling into the town seeking shelter.

Thousands of Italians all over the country spent last night in the open.—Reuter.

Czech Planes, Arms Flown To Israel

FOREIGN OFFICE ALLEGATIONS

London, Jan. 6.—The Foreign Office, in a detailed analysis of the growth of the Israeli Air Force, published tonight, estimated that this force possesses today at least 114 aircraft, compared with about 40 in June, when the United Nations banned the delivery of arms to both sides in Palestine.

The total includes 40 operational fighter aircraft which came from the State-owned armament industry of Czechoslovakia, according to the Foreign Office report.

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SHOWINGS TO-DAY **KINGS** At 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.

ALSO LATEST 20TH CENTURY-FOX MOVIE TONE NEWS

SUNDAY MORNING AT 11.30 A.M. Charles BOYER • Rita HAYWORTH • Henry FONDA Ginger ROGERS • Charles LAUGHTON • Edw. G. Robinson in

"TALES OF MANHATTAN" A 20TH CENTURY-FOX PICTURE — AT REDUCED PRICES

ALL-OUT AID FOR CHINA URGED

(Continued from Page 1)

3 Economic aid alone would "retard slightly" the conquest of China by the Communists, while economic and military supply aid without American direction and control would "delay considerably" this development.

4. For any real and permanent success in China, "American direction and control" as well as supply aid are essential.

In conclusion, Mr. Bullitt said, "We have to recognize that we are at one of the turning points of human history and we cannot afford to be wrong in our decisions, since the stake may not only be the independence of China but also the independence of the United States."—United Press.

Many Die In Big Blizzard

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Rescue workers today dug a mounting number of dead from snowdrifts of the fierce blizzard. At least 15 bodies were found and other persons are still missing.

Most of the victims were frozen to death in snow-buried automobiles, trucks and cabins in Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming and South Dakota.

Rescue workers pressed through drifts 15 feet high in some places. The storm subsided and ended one of the greatest railway tie-ups in history. Elsewhere, flood waters forced thousands of people to flee their homes.

The big freeze in Southern California is expected by some experts to cause more damage to the citrus fruit crop than the US\$600,000,000 loss suffered in 1937.—United Press.

ISRAEL AND EGYPT To Cease-Fire

Information reaching the Foreign Office from British sources revealed that although the main body of the Israeli patrols which invaded Egypt about a week ago had now withdrawn, the latest information has drawn a clear line across the Egyptian territory across the main road which goes south through the desert to Beersheba.

These forces were said to have "bull-dozed" a ditch across the road and built a strongpoint with barbed wire defences and three anti-tank guns on the southern side.

This strongpoint was set up at the road's highest commanding point between Abu Merga and Al Aun. British intelligence reports suggested little faith could be placed in Jewish statements such as that made recently by the Jewish authorities that all Israeli forces had withdrawn from Egyptian territory.—Reuter.

Side Glances By Galbraith



"Your bus is so big you think you can go around sidwip-ing any car you like—you saw what happened to Hitler!"

TOMORROW'S LEAGUE CRICKET

REVERSES ARE LIKELY IN THE SECOND ROUND

By "RECORDER"

Second round fixtures in the Cricket League start tomorrow afternoon and may well see quite a few reverses on first round results.

The Optimists will be out to avenge their first round defeat by the Army and the Scorpions will be out to reverse their defeat by the University.

The match at Chater Road should be the best of the afternoon. The Optimists will be at full bowling strength, no match to Army's bowlers but, nevertheless, a force to be reckoned with.

In the recent Triangular Tournament, Army discovered that with a change in their batting order, they can be expected to reach between 150 and 200 runs.

This may prove quite necessary if the Army doesn't find eight for 17 form. The Army bowlers could prove deadly to almost any team but the Optimists would be surprised to see the Optimists out under 120, no matter Stepto or Banton.

AT SOOKUNPOO

As much of a match to watch will be the Scorpions v. University encounter at the Army ground, Sookunpoo. The Scorpions will be just about at full strength and University, flushed with recent success, will be just about ready for them.

The University cricketers are slowly finding themselves. The bowling balance has always existed and is formidable enough even for the strong Scorpions' batting side.

Now the University bats are finding themselves in turn and a good opening stand from Tommy Lee and S. M. Teh could well make all the difference tomorrow. They should be quite capable of it.

THOUGH THERE IS FRANK HOWARTH TO BE RECKONED WITH, THE UNDERGRADUATES COULD WELL REACH 150 IF THEY REFUSE TO BE OVERAWED.

RECREIO V. CCC

Recreio, the League leaders, travel over to Happy Valley to meet Craigenpower and will, I am told, take no chances against the opposition despite a seven-wickets victory in the first round.

The Recrio explanation is that faced with opponents who are quite familiar, over many years of opposition, to individuals, the chances, no chances deserve being taken.

A Recrio player told me that there had been some uncomfortable moments against Indian Recreation Club in the last match and it was

CRICKET TEAMS

Craigenpower will be represented in the match against Recrio at Happy Valley by G. A. Souza, S. Ramchandani, P. J. Hill, A. H. Lunn, R. Baker, H. P. Lim, J. L. Youngs, A. M. Omer, S. Holland (12th Man).

The following will represent the Scorpions in their league match against the University at the Army Ground, Sookunpoo on Saturday—L. F. Stokes, J. F. Richardson, R. A. Pearce, D. H. Leitch, H. O'Connell, G. J. Kerr, J. Newton, T. D. Clague, F. Howarth, A. P. Weil, R. H. Hughes.

SOFTBALL AVERAGES

The latest averages, compiled up to the end of the first round, are listed hereunder:

BATTING AVERAGES

Games	A.B.	Runs	Ave.
1. Alvaro Xavier	7	23	3.3
2. Claude Pereira	7	20	2.9
3. Bill McEneaney	6	13	2.2
4. Lichy Luz	6	12	2.0
5. Jack Brown	6	12	2.0
6. Eugene Erikson	6	12	2.0
7. Bob Porter	6	12	2.0
8. Renne Segura	6	12	2.0
9. Coffee Baker	6	12	2.0
10. Benny Omar	6	12	2.0
11. Manro Silva	6	12	2.0
12. Sherry Buckle	6	12	2.0
13. Nugget Ibrahim	6	12	2.0
14. Al Young	6	12	2.0
15. Al Malle	6	12	2.0
16. Dave Leonard	6	12	2.0
17. Showboat Young	6	12	2.0
18. Kelly Silvestro	6	12	2.0
19. Alex Azedo	6	12	2.0
20. Don Hobbs	6	12	2.0
21. Junior Mark	6	12	2.0

Doubles: Gussle Pereira and Bob Porter, 4. Triples: Sabu Samy, Renne Segura, and Don Hobbs, 3.

Runners: Ben Ayres and Bob McGowan (Americans), Dave and Stan Leonard (Saints), Dickie Silva (HKIC) and Bill Wood (Canadians), 2 each.

Runs Batted In: Bill Wood, 14; Dave Leonard, 10; Charlie Quinn (V.R.C.), 10; Manuel Pereira (V.R.C.), 10; Showboat Young, 10; Coffee Baker (Canucks), 8.

Runs Scored: Junior Mark (Canucks), 21; Coffee Baker, 10; and Bob Porter, 10. Slotted Bats: Yau (Overseas), 15; Tito Hyndman (V.R.C.) and Baker, 10.

Strike Out: Joey Franco (V.R.C.), 20; Kelly Silva-Netto (Madeira), 20; Kassa Nazarin (Canucks) and Edio Almeida (HKIC), 10.

Pitching: Jack Brown (Saints), won 5, lost 1; Nazarin and Franco (V.R.C.), won 7, lost 2.

The Association Committee will meet on Friday evening, January 7, to decide the position of games played against the Recrio and Police teams who have withdrawn from the Senior League.

Pending their decision, I shall withhold publication of the official league standings until next week.

WEEK-END SCHEDULE

The second round of the league fixtures commence this week-end when seven games are scheduled. The full programme with umpires follows:

Saturday, At Recrio—2.30 p.m., Vikings v. Draves (Umpires, Philo Remedios, Ollie Van, Emil Lunn, Louis Roche, Walnos (Umpires, Bill Silva, Robin Hill, Frankie Van).

only the top form of Dr Gosano and "Spotty" Pereira that afternoon that made all the difference.

The IRC bats all looked like settling down and it was only good bowling plus good luck that got them out cheaply. Where IRC just failed, Craigenpower may succeed and Recrio looks upon a draw at its stage as no better than a loss.

OTHER MATCHES

KCC and IRC drew in their first League match of the season and meet again tomorrow at Sookunpoo. The chances are that the Indians will, finally, find that form that they should touch some day yet and take four points.

The RAF and Royal Navy meet in the other match with venue, at the moment, still unknown. Performances in this match should count towards the selection of the Combined RN-RAF team to play Army at Sookunpoo on Sunday in the Triangular Tournament final.

Badminton League

St Teresa's "A" has displaced Kowloon Tong "A" at the top of Section I of the Men's Doubles "B" Division Badminton League table while Chinese YMCA retains the lead in Section II.

The latest standings are:

SECTION I

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
St. Teresa's "A"	4	3	1	26	10	6
K. Tong "A"	4	3	1	25	11	6
YRC "A"	4	2	2	18	16	4
St. John's "A"	4	2	2	12	24	4
University	1	0	0	3	2	2
KCC	4	1	3	13	23	2
K. Ducks	3	0	3	6	19	0

SECTION II

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ch. YMCA	4	4	0	34	2	8
Chung Wah	5	4	1	35	10	8
Chung Wah	5	4	1	34	11	8
K. Tong "B"	4	3	1	23	12	6
St. Teresa's "B"	5	2	3	21	24	4
YRC "B"	5	1	4	14	31	2
St. John's "B"	5	1	4	5	40	2
RAF	5	0	5	4	40	0

CHUNG WAH V. ST. JOHN'S

Chung Wah beat St. John's "B" by nine games to nil in the Men's Doubles "B" Division of the Badminton League on Wednesday night.

The scores were: Sun, Kin & Y. C. Lau (Chung Wah) beat Stephens & Hofer 21-7; beat Hefti & Breingan 21-12; beat Crabbe & McNay 21-5; K. F. Chiu & K. C. Wong (Chung Wah) beat Stephens & Hofer 21-4; beat Hefti & Breingan 21-0; beat Crabbe & McNay 21-3; K. F. Chiu & Leo Liong (Chung Wah) beat Stephens & Hofer 21-9; beat Hefti & Breingan 21-5; beat Crabbe & McNay 21-3.

ST. JOHN'S "A" V. KCC

St. John's "A" beat Kowloon Cricket Club by five games to four; F. H. Kwok & N. Whitney (St. John's "A") lost to F. J. Brockbank & H. Hildesley 20-23; beat J. K. Thong & T. E. Thong & T. E. Baker 21-17; beat N. Hart-Baker & I. P. Tamworth 21-0; R. Thompson & E. Vourieff (St. John's "A") lost to Brockbank & Hildesley 14-21; lost to Thong & Baker 22-24; beat Hart-Baker & Tamworth 21-7; D. Kwok & R. Maynard (St. John's "A") lost to Brockbank & Hildesley 17-21; beat Thong & Baker 21-10; beat Hart-Baker & Tamworth 21-9.

THOMAS CUP

ENGLAND IN ZONE FINAL

London, Jan. 6.—England defeated France, 9-0, last night to enter the European Zone final of the Thomas Cup badminton tournament.

Britain will play Denmark at Copenhagen on January 20 and 21. The European Zone winner will meet either Malaysia or the U.S. for the world championship.—Associated Press.

Filipino Club Function

The Filipino Club will hold a lawn bowls Closing Day on Sunday at 2 p.m. when opportunity will also be taken to welcome back the President, Dr. V. M. Alenza, and Mrs. Alenza, who recently returned from furlough in the United Kingdom. There will be a game between the President's rinks and the Vice-President's rinks and spoons will be presented to the rink with the highest aggregate. It is hoped that all members interested in the game will make their appearance.

UNIVERSITY PAST v. PRESENT



The Hongkong University Undergraduates beat the Graduates by two runs in the annual New Year's Day match played at the Craigenpower Cricket Club.

Here are the teams, reading from the left: Sitting: J. C. Koh, Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, S. A. Vanar, Dr. Lee Hah-Hong, Prof. L. T. Ride, D. Chelliah, G. Hong Choy, J. Barrow, J. M. Gosano and Miss Osmund. Standing: K. Y. Tam, Robert Tay, J. L. Youngs, S. M. Teh, F. R. Zimmermann, T. Lo, D. Hung, Eric Ho, L. W. K. Chon, C. Huang, Dr. E. L. Gosano and H. Ammann.—Ming Yuen Studio Photograph.

TOMORROW'S CUP TIES

ARSENAL v. SPURS THE PICK OF THE DRAW

London, Jan. 6.—The struggle to reach the 68th final of the Football Association Challenge Cup begins in earnest on Saturday when 61 clubs, including the First and Second Division teams, who come in for the first time, contest the Third Round.

The final this year will have added colour in that it will be the 21st final staged at Wembley.

Of the Third Round matches the pick is undoubtedly the North London "Derby" between Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspurs at High-bury. This will be the first-ever Cup Tie between the two clubs.

When Highbury was taken over for war service Arsenal played their home matches at the Spurs' ground at White Hart Lane. In spite of the proximity of the clubs, previous meetings have been few and the Cup Tie has captured the imagination of the London public.

Arsenal and the Spurs have met in 28 League matches, of which the Spurs have won 12—four of them at Highbury. Arsenal have 10 victories over the Spurs, three at Tottenham. Four of the six games were at White Hart Lane and two at Highbury.

The Spurs have scored 43 goals against Arsenal's 39. It will be the first time since 1930 that the Spurs have visited the High-bury ground and two players who appeared in that match are likely to be playing on Saturday.

George V. Steephchase at Kempton and regarded as Ireland's champion chaser, is also included.—Reuter.

91 Entries For Grand National

London, Jan. 6.—Ninety-one entries were announced today for the Grand National Steeplechase to be run over four miles 856 yards at Aintree, Liverpool, on Saturday, March 26.

This is 11 fewer than last year when Sheila's Cottage won. She is not among this year's entries having gone to stud, but Lovely Cottage and Caughoo, the 1946 and 1947 winners respectively, will again attempt to win the world's greatest steeplechase.

Mr. F. L. Vickerman's Cottage Rake, winner of the recent King George VI Steeplechase at Kempton and regarded as Ireland's champion chaser, is also included.—Reuter.

Racing Accident

Penang, Dec. 27.—Radio Beam was destroyed and jockey Bill Stirling badly injured as a result of a dramatic accident right in front of the grandstands in the seventh race of the Penang Turf Club Christmas-New Year meeting.

Everbright (Dawson), an outsider, was coming through beautifully on the outside to challenge the favourite, Eddy Fraser, when she stumbled and fell ten yards from the post throwing the jockey.

Radio Beam, who was immediately behind tripped on the fallen horse and fell.

Teddy Dawson was not hurt and went to the aid of Bill Stirling, who had to be carried out in a stretcher. Radio Beam broke his right fore-leg and had to be destroyed, but Everbright appeared none the worse for the accident.

English Boy Wins Ski Championship

Muerren, Switzerland, Jan. 6.—Robin Hooper 16, of Great Hallingbury, England, won the junior Kandahar ski championship on Tuesday.

The championship was decided by a combination downhill and slalom event. It was restricted to boys under 17 who had qualified in previous competitions.

Twelve-year-old Prince Karim Aga Khan, the Aga Khan's grandson, placed second in the championship. Prince Karim won the slalom event but failed to hold his own against the more experienced Hooper in the downhill.—Associated Press.

Prince Karim is staying here with his father, Prince Ali Khan, who arrived on New Year's Eve with the American film actress, Rita Hayworth.

Hooper became an expert skier in Canada, where he was evicted from England during the war.—Associated Press.

RUGGER TEAMS

The Army fifteen to meet the Navy will be Gunner Richards (R.A.), Cpl. Brown (R.A.P.C.), 2nd Lt. Pritchett (R.A.), Sgt. Jakes (Intelligence Corps), Gunner Swaine (R.A.), Capt. Roberts (The Buffs), Maj. Wilson (The Buffs), Maj. Keyes (R.A.), 2nd Lt. Hendle (The Buffs), 2nd Lt. Gray (The Buffs), 2nd Lt. Pappin (The Buffs), Gunner Tucker (R.A.), 2nd Lt. Hendle (The Buffs), Capt. Munn (R.A.M.C.).

Reserves: Gunner Wright (R.A.), Maj. Burnett (219 Gurkha Rifles), Gunner Jenkins (R.A.).

The following have been selected to represent the Navy against the Army in the Quadrangular Tournament rugby match at the Navy Ground, Causeway Bay on Saturday. Kick off 4.15.—Lt. Eberle (R.A.), 2nd Lt. Hendle (The Buffs), Lt. Nicol (The Buffs), AB Mittlebrenner (Tamar), Mid. Tulip (Belmont), 2nd Lt. Ridd (Black Swan), Sgt. Bunde (Tamar), Lt. McClement (Tamar), PO S. M. Payne (Tamar), Cpl. Winward (Tamar), Cpl. Dalziel (Newcastle), Mid. Wall (Belmont), Lt. (B) Baldwin (Belmont), Lt. Norman (Belmont) and CPO Tel Bloew (Black Swan).

SHOPWORN AMERICAN BOXERS SEEK

A Comeback Route Via Europe

By CORNELIUS RYAN

New York, Jan. 6.—Shopworn American professional boxers, finding it hard to regain public esteem in the USA, are more and more turning to London or European bouts as a means of restoring prestige.

Latest to seek the sanctuary of foreign matches is Billy Conn, the Pittsburgh Irishman who twice was knocked out by Joe Louis in heavyweight title matches.

Conn retired after a miserable showing in the second Louis bout in 1936, but began a comeback on Nov. 15, 1936, by knocking out Mike O'Down at Macon, Ga.

Billy immediately began talking of a London bout with world lightweight champ Freddie Mills.

Tami Mauriello is another perennial "comeback" who wants very much to make a name again on foreign shores.

PUZZLED FANS

Often European sports fans are puzzled at the disdain shown by American fans to boxers who seem to the European to still be "big names."

Joe Bakst falls into this class, along with Conn, Mauriello and Lee Omm.

But the American fan, who once was easily fooled, has become more discerning, and credits a boxer only with real achievements.

Thus Bakst rates poorly because he has withdrawn from so many matches and because he has been idle so long.

His October victory over one Willie Brown means nothing, because Brown is hopelessly incompetent.

Mauriello showed himself a pathetic has-been at 24 years of age last November when he took a fearsome drubbing from Gus Zesewich.

PUNCHING BAG

So bad was Tami that his manager, Lou Schiro, promptly announced he would retire. Mauriello, before anything tragic happens to him, he's just a punching bag now and I see no hope for him.

When Mauriello began his newest comeback a few weeks ago, he was matched against Boy Taylor, who is managed by Tami's brother.

Tami won by a "knockout" although no one saw the kyo punch, and Taylor was suspended by the state boxing commission.

Then Tami went to Holyoke, Mass., where he met Leo Stoll, who either is one of the worst fighters ever in the ring or one of the busiest actors.

He has been knocked out by every eager youngster getting a buildup and every washed-up oldster trying a comeback.

Stoll's record is so bad he was not accepted by the New York commission as an opponent for young Roland LaStarza in a recent bout.

TALKS OF FIGHT

Yet on the basis of two such victories as those over Taylor and Stoll, Mauriello is hopefully talking of another fight with Bruce Woodcock—at London, of course.

Conn opened his comeback against an opponent, O'Dowd, who had not fought since 1936, when he was knocked out in both his starts.

After this great victory, Conn announced he was open to offers from London to meet Freddie Mills.

Distance lends enchantment, the boxers find. Woodcock, who is very poorly rated by British experts, still had some semblance of prestige in America, and a victory over him would carry some box-office weight.

But the American boxers' managers know very well that Woodcock can't fight and that Mills is past his peak.

The odds would favour the Americans in a battle of mediocrities. There always is a chance of a

"TWO-IN-ONE"

The trousers of the "Two in One" are cunningly designed to turn down and clip back, giving the "plus four" or battle dress effect, while a super light-weight waterproof zip jacket and a pair of waterproof trousers are carried in two concealed hip pockets. These pockets are designed so that no "bulge" will spoil the fit of the "Two in One."

Lacey will wear it when he plays at the Riviera Club for the Los Angeles Open Match, the Phoenix Open in Arizona, the Tucson Open at the El Rio Club in Arizona, the Texas Open at Brecon Ridge Golf Club in Fort Sam Houston, the Long Beach Open at the Lakewood Golf Club in California, and the Bing Crosby Professional Amateur Invitational Tournament which takes place at Delmondo in California.

WOMAN ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



Mrs. Fanny Koen, the Dutch mother who won four Gold Medals at the London Olympic Games, has just been named Woman Athlete of the year for 1948 in a poll of United States sports writers, says a Reuter message.

For the last three years Mrs. Mildred (Babe) Zacharias, the American golf "star," had held the title.

Mrs. Koen, after winning the Olympic 100 and 200 metres titles, set up a new world and Olympic record in the 80 metres hurdles, and also ran in the successful Dutch women's 400 metres relay team.

The above picture was taken as Mrs. Koen just beat Britain's Maureen Gardner for the Olympic 80 metres hurdles title. Maureen is being nominated by most British sports writers as Britain's Athlete of the Year.

SCANDINAVIANS HOLD SECRET CONFERENCE

Subject: Collaboration In Defence Policies

Stockholm, Jan. 6.—The three Scandinavian Prime Ministers, with their Foreign and Defence Ministers, discussed "conditions for collaboration in the defence policies of the Scandinavian countries" in a secret two-day meeting at Karlstad, near the Norwegian frontier, it was announced here tonight.

A Swedish Foreign Office communiqué announced: "A new meeting of the Ministers is planned to take place in Copenhagen after the conclusion of the work of the Scandinavian Joint Defence Committee."

A Scandinavian Defence Committee—with four members from each of the three countries, Denmark, Norway and Sweden—was set up last October by the three Defence Ministers meeting in Oslo to make a joint survey of defence problems.

Creation Of European Parliament

FRANCE URGING SPEEDY ACTION

Paris, Jan. 6.—France, supported by the three Benelux countries, on Thursday called for prompt steps towards the creation of a European Consultative Parliament and European Council.

A spokesman for the French Foreign Ministry said France wants the five power European Unity Committee to meet "as soon as possible" to prepare a report on the Parliament and Council projects before January 26. He said Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg share this feeling.

The date January 26 is the opening of the regular quarterly session of the European Council from the five Benelux countries—Britain, France and the Benelux countries. The Ministers' meeting this time is in London.

SESSION POSTPONED

French officials stressed the need for a speedy meeting of the Committee in agreement to Britain's request for a postponement of the Committee's session previously scheduled for Thursday.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, asked for additional time to examine a report on its unification project drafted by a sub-committee but did not suggest an alternative date.

It is believed that the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Robert Schuman will propose an alternate date during the conversations he is to have with Mr. Bevin in London next week. French spokesmen, however, declined to comment on this.

Mr. Schuman is to be in London next Wednesday and Thursday accompanied by French officials who have expert knowledge of issues ranging from European unity to the Ruhr, Palestine and the Italian colonies. A spokesman said the complete list of those who will make the trip with Mr. Schuman is not yet determined.

NO NEED FOR DELAY

The spokesman said France cannot see the need for delaying the Unity Committee's work since it is merely a "study group" which will make proposals and which does not have any authority to make decisions binding upon the Governments.

The spokesman recalled the text of the five power communiqué drafted in Paris in October at the last meeting of the Foreign Ministers. He pointed out that this explicitly stated that a report on European Federation should be presented to the Ministers at their next meeting.

He said it was "independent" that the studies on Federation be pursued and the terms of the October communiqué carried out.

The spokesman admitted there were still problems confronting the nations particularly in reconciling divergent views held by Britain and France. These problems can never be overcome, he added, unless the studies are continued.

The United Committee is a group of 18 statesmen from the Benelux countries—five each from Belgium and Holland and two from Luxembourg—named to survey federation projects.

This group appointed a sub-committee before the holidays to iron out differences in the British and French plans and come up with a compromise at the January 6 meeting.

The compromise, it was learned, is now being worked in an eight-page report which includes both France's proposal for a Consultative European Parliament and Britain's project for a Ministerial Council designated by the five governments.—Associated Press.

BOY DROWNED IN HIDDEN STREAM

Milborne, England, Jan. 6.—Three-year-old Robin John Kelso, playing with friends, suddenly disappeared.

Workmen dug a ditch 10 yards long before they found his dead body.

He had fallen through a hole into a swollen underground stream previously undiscovered and been carried down on the current.—Associated Press.

The meeting was reported to have been called suddenly after last week's statement by the Norwegian Foreign Minister, M. Halvåg Lange, that Norway might turn westward for her security.

This statement caused some irritation in official circles in Sweden because, although all three countries want joint military defence, Sweden wants any Scandinavian bloc to remain outside big power grouping.

TUG OF WAR

A tug of war between Sweden and the Norwegians, with the Danes expected to reconcile them, was expected in today's meeting. M. Lange has intimated publicly that Norway would leave the Scandinavian bloc rather than be prevented from seeking her security with the Western powers by accepting Sweden's neutrality policy.

Denmark, which of the three countries is the most exposed to attack, is eager for joint Scandinavian defence. But if Norway joins the Western powers Denmark is expected to be forced to follow suit because Sweden is not strong enough to give the Danes effective military aid.

The important meeting of the Scandinavian Ministers now in progress at Karlstad is thought in London to have been precipitated by a United States invitation to some of all of the Scandinavian powers to take part in an Atlantic Union conference.

Scandinavian circles in London had not expected the meeting to be held so soon.

LONDON INTEREST

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent writes that apart from the Scandinavian powers, invitations are thought to have gone to Portugal and Iceland, where Ministerial discussions are presumed to be in progress.

The position of Italy and Eire is considered less certain.

London is watching the results of the Scandinavian conference with the greatest attention. Well informed observers in Scandinavia said that the bald official communiqué meant that the joint defence talks were derailed because the Norwegians and the Swedes differed over the objectives of any Scandinavian military bloc.

The Norwegians today maintain their earlier standpoint. They are prepared, most reluctantly, to abandon the idea of a closely welded Scandinavian bloc if it remains completely neutral in peace and war, with "our guns pointing in all directions," as the Swedish Foreign Minister, M. Unden, phrased it last year.

The Swedes are believed to have reiterated their view that a Scandinavian bloc linked with the Western powers might provoke Russian action in Finland and even lead to the Russian Army securing a base on the Anland Islands, about 20 miles off the Swedish coast, which would be a potential pistol pointed at Stockholm.

All three countries are anxious to find a formula satisfying Norwegian ideas of security without splitting their planning.

The new meeting in Copenhagen after the Joint Defence Committee has finished its work will give Sweden and Norway a breathing space in which to try again to reconcile their views.

The meeting was kept highly secret. It was held in the section of the Provincial Governor's residence in Karlstad. The three Danish Ministers crossed in the train ferry to Sweden in a first-class compartment marked "Reserved for Ladies." The Ministers returned home tonight.—Reuter

EDITORS PRESS SERVICE.



"Also bring Uncle Mike a coaster for his lemonade."

Want ECA Aid To Dutch Stopped

Resolution By India League Of America

New York, Jan. 6.—The India League of America, in a special resolution on Indonesia, today asked the United States to halt all Economic Co-operation Administration aid to The Netherlands and institute action in the Security Council to brand The Netherlands as an aggressor nation.

Announcing the adoption of this resolution, Mr. J. J. Singh, President of the League, said:

"Our membership is deeply concerned over this uncalculated brutal attack by the Dutch on the people of Indonesia. We are constantly getting requests from our members to do all we can to help the Indonesians in their fight for freedom."

"We intend to keep the issue alive before the American people until a democratic way of life is assured to the Indonesian people."

BLATANT EXAMPLE

The resolution said: "The India League of America, primarily devoted to the freedom and welfare of India, has always been opposed to imperialism anywhere, and especially in Asia. Today, the most blatant example of ruthless imperialism in the world is to be found in Indonesia, where The Netherlands have disregarded all precepts of humanity as well as the specific instructions of the United Nations in an effort to suppress by armed force the beginnings of independence among the Indonesian people."

"The India League of America specifically aligns itself with the people of Indonesia in their struggle for freedom. Such action is particularly appropriate in view of the conference of Asian nations, which the Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, has called to discuss this crisis. We applaud this move, while at the same time we regret that the United Nations has failed to act with sufficient vigour to make such a conference unnecessary."

SPECIAL CHALLENGE

"It now becomes especially important to demonstrate to the people of Asia that there are nations in other continents equally opposed to imperialism. A special challenge—now faces the United States. Unless the United States take the most vigorous action possible on behalf of the Indonesian people, it will inevitably come to be regarded in Asia as a supporter of such imperialism. This would alienate the United States from the democratic and anti-totalitarian forces in Asia as well as in the rest of the world."

"We, therefore, call upon the United States Government to take these two steps immediately: (1) Stop ECA aid in any form to The Netherlands. (2) Institute action in the Security Council of the United Nations to brand The Netherlands an aggressor nation and to set in motion the maximum sanctions against The Netherlands provided for in the Charter."—Reuter.

CROCHETING ENGINEER



Louis Walter, 61-year-old engineer on a diesel locomotive run between Mason City and Sioux Falls, crochets as he sits in the Mason City yard master's office waiting for time to board the train. Walter, who last summer won the national championship in the men's division of the National Needlecraft Bureau contest in New York City, says he takes a lot of razzing from the men, but most of the work done on his national championship bedspread was done during lay-overs on his run.—AP Picture.

Vicious Hukbalahap Raid

20 People Killed & Villages Razed

Manila, Jan. 7.—Twenty persons were killed and nine others wounded and scores of houses burned to the ground as a result of a three-pronged Hukbalahap attack on Orani in Bataan Province yesterday, according to Constabulary Headquarters. Estimates of the number of houses burned ranged from 70 to 100.

A high-ranking Headquarters officer said fighting undoubtedly would continue in the mountainous areas near Orani, where the dissidents, estimated to number between 300 and 500, were retreating in accordance with their hit and run tactics.

The officer could not say whether the situation was under control, in the absence of complete reports, but said Constabulary reinforcements had been dispatched to the area.

Those killed included five soldiers, nine civilians and six Huks, while eight civilians and one soldier were wounded.

VILLAGE LOOTED

One press report, however, gave the number of dead as 20 and the wounded as 24.

An unofficial report estimated the value of the loot carted away by the Huks at US\$50,000, mostly in cash and jewellery.

The Huk raid on Orani coincided with a similar raid on Lumban in Laguna Province, tending to give credence to reports that some overall Huk leader directed both operations. Unconfirmed reports said the Huk generalissimo, Luis Taruc, was back in the Pampanga swamps directing operations in Bataan, Laguna and Quezon Provinces.

Malacanan Palace ordered Constabulary reinforcements rushed to all three provinces. Unlike the Orani raid, it was reported, not a single shot was fired in Lumban.—United Press.

Marshall Plan Aid To Go On

Paris, Jan. 6.—Mr. Averell Harriman, the Marshall Plan Ambassador to Europe, said in Paris tonight that he saw no indication that the new United States Congress would reduce Marshall aid.

Of the report for 1949-50 of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation and the interim long term report, Mr. Harriman said it "sets us all on the foundation of rock bottom realism."

The OEEC could be strengthened, he said, if the participants accepted "definite action" to achieve monetary stability, raised productivity, restrained consumption, and co-operated to expand markets and develop new sources of supply.

He told reporters that the United States was willing to stimulate "healthy" European competition with her exports to South America.—Reuter.

POCKET CARTOON



Atlantic Pact To Be Signed This Month

Paris, Jan. 6.—The Atlantic pact linking the United States and Canada in a military defence alliance with the five Brussels treaty powers will be signed by the end of January, it was learned from usually reliable diplomatic sources in Paris tonight.

The draft pact defines the "Atlantic Security Zone" as including Iceland, Norway and Denmark, these sources said, but it will remain for these countries to accept or reject the obligations proposed in the pact.

The Atlantic defence pact, which has been the subject of protracted negotiations in Washington, will need ratification by the Parliaments of the States concerned.

These comprise Britain, France, and the Benelux groups—Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—in addition to Canada and the United States.

American and Canadian ratification. It was pointed out in responsible circles in Paris, would go far to reassure the other participants that the mutual defence obligations they undertook by the Brussels treaty had the practical backing of the United States.

An authoritative Belgian spokesman disclosed in Brussels tonight that Denmark, Norway, Portugal, Eire and Iceland have been approached to join the Atlantic Union pact from its inception.

It is stated that the Belgian Government had suggested to the other signatories of the pact that the next meeting of the five-power Committee should be held in Paris on January 17.—Reuter.

Education Booms In Singapore

Singapore, Jan. 7.—More than one-tenth of Singapore's population went to school during 1947, the largest enrolment in the city's history. Education Department officials reported school enrolment topped 100,000 more than doubling since the end of the Japanese occupation. The number of schools climbed from 124 at the end of 1945 to 270 at the end of 1947.—Associated Press.

Airlifts For DPs Suspended

NANKING ACTION

Shanghai, Jan. 7.—The Nanking Civil Aviation Administration last night announced that it was suspending all airlifts of foreign displaced persons in Shanghai pending a public hearing today among the six international airlines and their rival non-scheduled airline on the question of giving all a share in the work of transporting the refugees from here to resettlement centres, it was reported this morning.

Only one remaining airlift of the International Refugee Organisation has been authorised. It is a flight of 50 European DPs from Shanghai to Sydney, Australia, possibly to be made today.

AIRLINES' PROTEST

The CAA action followed a protest from six international airlines, including the British Overseas Airways Corporation, the Dutch KLM, Air France and the American North-West Airlines and Pan-American Airways, against the IRO's charter agreement with a non-scheduled airline, the Transocean Airlines.

They informed the IRO that they, as scheduled (or regular) airlines, should be "given the opportunity to participate" in the airlifts of displaced persons and objected to an "outsider" being given the whole contract.

Mr. Jennings Wong, the IRO's Far East Director, in order to clear up the misunderstanding, replied to the joint airlines' petition with a statement that the "choice and decision" was that of the International Refugee Organisation's headquarters.—Reuter.

Foreigners Must Pay Canton Tax

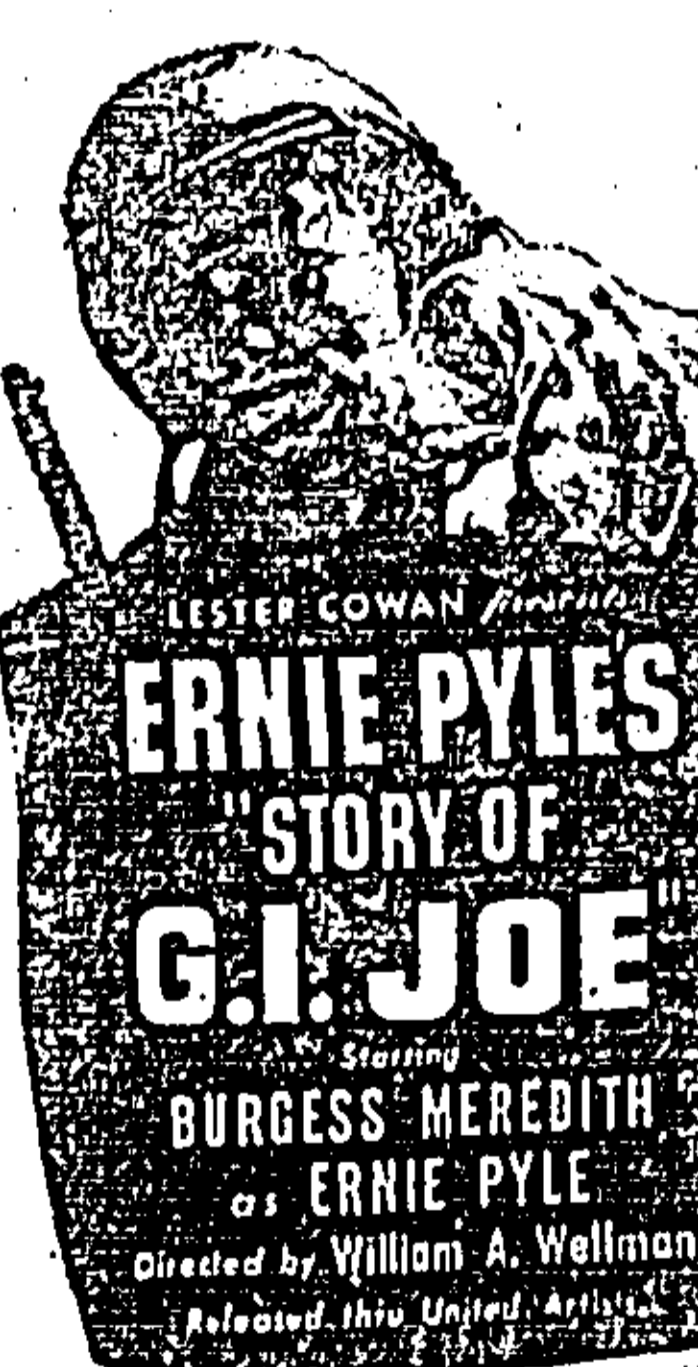
Canton, Jan. 6.—For some time now there has been debate as to whether foreign business establishments in Canton are liable to contribute towards the special local self-defence tax.

The question has now been settled as it is reported that the Provincial Government has ruled that both Chinese and foreign businessmen must pay the tax in accordance with the Special Defence Regulations. It is pointed out that the tax is for the purpose of local defence in this period of Communist suppression, defence which is for the benefit of both the Chinese and foreign community.—Reuter.

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